

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Parking Lot Expansion

LOCATION: South Yuba River State Park

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Add a parking lot with trail access; install a kiosk, iron rangers (fee collection devices) and appropriate signage at South Yuba River State Park to improve vehicle ingress and egress along Pleasant Valley Road and to generate revenue at the park. Work will:

- Excavate 1' wide x 2' deep holes and place 4" x 4" posts and backfill with dirt to install "fee required" signs along the existing paved parking along Pleasant Valley Road to the north and south of the north parking lot entrance.
- Excavate approximately 12' x 12' x 4-6" deep to pour a concrete slab foundation at the entrance of the existing north day use parking lot to install a 10' x 12' pre-fabricated ADA (Americans with Disabilities) compliant wood kiosk; trench approximately 300' x 12" wide x 24" deep to install code compliant telephone and electrical lines from the kiosk to the existing electrical panels at the well shed. Lines under the bridge will be attached to abutments.
- Install 2 iron rangers: excavate a maximum of five holes to install the iron ranger and associated signs with metal protection posts cemented in place at the Northeast area of the main parking lot; install the second iron ranger into the kiosk foundation and two structure protection posts at the north parking area; install associated signs.
- East of the existing parking lot, grade up to 12" to provide a semi level parking area with a final grade of 3-5% cross slope to construct an approximately 120' x 140' parking lot to accommodate 50-60 vehicles; use cut material for fill; install an approximately 20' long x 30" round metal culvert across a seasonal drainage to create a 12-14' access road between the existing parking area and the new parking lot; rock armor both ends of the culvert and cut back tree limbs to allow unhindered vehicle access. Cover the parking surface with class II road base and pave with asphalt; gradually slope perimeter edges and protect with compacted road base or native material; install 3' diameter boulders placed on 8' on center to restrict vehicles to the lot boundary; install a locking gate on the existing parking lot side to regulate access to the new parking lot; construct a 6' wide x 30' long path to connect to the river trail and a second short path at the southeast end of the new parking lot with compacted road base to connect to the existing main trail.
- Construct two additional asphalt ADA compliant parking spaces: one located next to the CXT restroom and a second one at the Buttermilk Bend Trailhead.
- Expand the parking lot west of the existing parking lot to approximately 60' x 35'; grade to construct a semi level parking area; use cut material for fill; cover with class II road base and compact to a 4-6" thickness; pave parking surface with asphalt; gradually slope perimeter edges and protect with compacted road base or native material depending on the slope and install 3' diameter boulders placed 8' on center to restrict vehicles to the lot boundary on all sides.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 3, 4 & 11 Section: 15303, 15304 & 15311

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities; minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and construction or placement of minor structures included as "small parking lots"; installation of park facilities such as "signs", "gates" and "kiosks" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCRS 15300.4.

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